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In re application of Matthias BOHRT et al.

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For:

METHOD FOR PRODUCING A GRANULATE OF WASTE GLASS, AND ITS USE

FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF MINERAL WOOL PRODUCTS

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- 1. DE 31 14 741 C1
- DRESCHER: "Glasvermahlung Neue Wege beim Altglasrecycling,"
 SPRECHSAAL International, 1995, pages 10-15, Vol. 128, No. 2, VERLAG
 DES SPRECHSAAL MULLER UND SCHMIDT, COBURG, GERMANY
- 3. WO 99/28251 A1 (in English)
- 4. WO 95/34516 A1 (in English)
- 5. FÜHR ET AL.: "Neue Technologie beim Altglasrecycling: die Galsvermahlung," Glastech. Ber. Glass Sc. Technl., 1995, pages N63-N69, Vol. 68, No. 5, Springer, Germany (has an English abstract)
- Website of Rock Engineered Machinery Co.,http://www.remcovsi.com/glassmax.htm (in English)

Documents 1-4 were cited in the ISR.

Documents 2 and 5-6 were cited in the German Office action dated May 13, 2004.

No English translation or abstract for documents 1-2 is readily available. Column 2, lines 56-60 and claims 1 and 4 of document 1 are cited in the ISR as "X" category relevant to claims 1, 7-9, and 14 of the instant application. Document 2 was mentioned in the background of the specification of the instant application. Sections 2 "Altglassufbereitung mit Glasvermahlung" and 3 "Funktionsweise der Glasmühle," figure 4 and table 3 of document 2 are cited in the ISR as "X" category relevant to claims 1-9 and 14 of the instant application.

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